

EXCELLENCE IN ACTION AWARDS FOR TWO DA STAFF MEMBERS

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Domestic Violence Victim Advocate Annalisa Muehlberg and Prosecutor Kenneth Elmore show plaques "in recognition of those who go above and beyond to assist victims of domestic violence as well as increasing awareness of the significant problem of domestic violence in our communities."

Two members of the Tulsa County District Attorney's office were honored in October, the month known nationally as Domestic Violence Awareness month, for their outstanding

efforts in assisting these uniquely-situated victims in criminal prosecutions. Honored with a ceremony at the State Capital, Kenneth Elmore and Annalisa Muehlberg were recognized for their dedication, perseverance and compassion in responding to domestic violence victims by Michael Thompson, the Commissioner of the Oklahoma Department of Public Safety.

"I am very humbled to be honored," said Elmore. "This is representative of the wonderful team I work with."

Muehlberg echoed his sentiments: "I feel honored that all these people would think of me. It feels amazing. But the victims are the real ones to be honored. They are the brave ones. I'm just here to help them through the process. I admire their courage."

Elmore is the Director of the Special Victims Unit, a team of three attorneys and two victim advocates who are dedicated to cases of felony domestic violence and sexual assault.

"The role of the prosecutor is to protect everybody, even if they don't want to be protected. In the instances of domestic assault, victims sometimes don't wish to participate in the criminal prosecution for a variety of reasons. But our job is to protect them from violent offenders. Prosecuting domestic violence cases is homicide prevention."

--Assistant District Attorney Kenneth Elmore